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Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during 1999, totaled 19.1 million pounds, down 12 percent from a year earlier.

There were 24,000 head of **cattle** slaughtered during 1999, down 6 percent from 1998. Average live weight per head at 792 pounds was down 27 pounds from the previous year. Total live weight at 19.0 million pounds was 9 percent below a year earlier.

Calf slaughter totaled 14,200 head during 1999, down 31 percent from the previous year. Live weight averaged 479 pounds per head, up 2 pounds from 1998. Total live weight was 6.8 million pounds, down 30 percent from a year earlier.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during 1999, totaled 36,700 head, down 3 percent from the previous year. Live weight averaged 207 pounds per head, down 6 pounds from 1998. Total live weight was 7.6 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier.

Sheep slaughtered during 1999, totaled 2,800 head, down 3 percent from 1998. Live weight per head averaged 94 pounds, down 4 pounds from a year earlier. Total live weight at 264,000 pounds, was down 9 percent from 1998.#

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Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 46.3 billion pounds in 1999. This was 2 percent higher than the previous record high set in 1998. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 46.1 billion pounds.

Beef production, at 26.5 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from

a year earlier and 2 percent higher than the previous record high set in 1976. **Veal production** totaled 233 million pounds, down 11 percent from the previous record low set last year. **Pork production**, at 19.3 billion pounds, eclipsed the previous record high set a year earlier by 2 percent. **Lamb and mutton production** totaled 247 million pounds, falling 2 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

Commercial cattle slaughter during 1999 totaled 36.1 million head, up 2 percent from 1998, with federal inspection comprising 98.2 percent of the total. The average live weight was 1,210 pounds, up 7 pounds from a year ago. **Steers** comprised 49.6 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter, **heifers** 32.8 percent, **dairy cows** 7.3 percent, **other cows** 8.5 percent, and **bulls** 1.8 percent.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 1.28 million head, down 12 percent from a year ago with 97.6 percent under federal inspection. The average live weight was 291 pounds, up 6 pounds from a year earlier.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 101.5 million head, up 1 percent from 1998 with 98.2 percent of the hogs slaughtered under federal inspection. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds. Barrows and gilts comprised 96.3 percent of the total federally inspected slaughter.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter, at 3.70 million head, was down 3 percent from 1998, with 96.1 percent comprised by federal inspection. The average live weight rose 1 pound from 1998, to 133 pounds.

There were 909 slaughtering plants under federal inspection on January 1, 2000, compared with 931 last year. Of these, 759 slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 1999 with 15 slaughtering over 55 percent of the total cattle killed. There were 728 plants that slaughtered hogs, with 12 accounting for over 50 percent of the total. Likewise, 9 of the 327 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for over 55 percent of the total and 2 of the 561 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 1999 comprised nearly 40 percent of the total head.

Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas accounted for over 50 percent of the United States commercial red meat production in 1999.#

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MONTH	CATTLE SLAUGHTERED		CALVES SLAUGHTERED		HOGS SLAUGHTERED		SHEEP AND LAMBS SLAUGHTERED		2/ RED MEAT
	Number of Head	Average Live Weight	Number of Head	Average Live Weight	Number of Head	Average Live Weight	Number of Head	Average Live Weight	Thousand Pounds
JANUARY	2,000	756	1,400	463	3,200	221	200	95	1,600
FEBRUARY	2,100	803	900	468	3,600	230	300	118	1,700
MARCH	2,500	746	1,000	464	4,200	213	500	110	1,800
APRIL	2,400	786	700	469	2,800	204	200	94	1,600
MAY	1,800	754	1,200	485	2,800	204	200	90	1,500
JUNE	1,900	774	1,100	490	2,600	207	200	92	1,400
JULY	1,700	768	1,100	485	2,300	207	200	77	1,300
AUGUST	1,700	820	1,700	482	2,100	214	200	76	1,500
SEPTEMBER	1,800	822	1,800	491	2,400	205	200	83	1,600
OCTOBER	2,100	822	1,400	479	2,900	210	200	92	1,700
NOVEMBER	2,000	828	1,200	480	3,500	192	200	78	1,600
DECEMBER	2,000	830	900	476	4,300	179	200	76	1,600
YEAR 3/	24,000	792	14,200	479	36,700	207	2,800	94	19,100

1/Includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. 3/Total may not add due to rounding.



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The following estimates, forecasts, and projections are mainly taken from recent publications of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Economic Research Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board of the USDA.

- **Corn** ending stocks for the 1999-2000 marketing year are forecasted by the WAOB to total 1.74 billion bushels, 25 million bushels above the previous forecast, but 48 million bushels below the 1998-99 marketing year. The average farm price for the 1999 crop is expected to be between \$1.75 and \$2.05 per bushel.
- **Soybean** ending stocks for the 1999-2000 marketing year are forecasted by WAOB to total 345 million bushels, down 20 million from the previous forecast and 3 million bushels below the 1998-99 marketing year. Exports prospects were increased 25 million bushels while soybean crush was reduced by 5 million bushels. The average price for the 1999 crop is expected to be between \$4.50 and \$5.00 per bushel.
- The WOAB raised projected U.S. 1999-2000 ending stocks of **wheat** by 25 million bushels from the previous forecast because of lower exports. This puts the projected level at 997 million bushels. Projected imports were lowered 5 million bushels and food use was also reduced by 5 million bushels from the previous projection. The projected price range for all wheat for the 1999 crop is \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bushel.

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